

IC 20-23-3

Chapter 3. School Townships

IC 20-23-3-1

Name; corporate powers

Sec. 1. (a) A township is a school township.

(b) A school township is a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of " _____ School _____ township of _____ county", according to the name of the township and of the county in which the school township is organized.

(c) A school township may:

- (1) contract and may be contracted with; and
- (2) sue and be sued;

in the name of the school township in a court with jurisdiction.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-2

Employment of teachers; establishment of separate graded high schools; joint graded high schools

Sec. 2. (a) The school trustees shall:

- (1) take charge of the educational affairs of their respective townships, towns, and cities;
- (2) employ teachers;
- (3) establish and locate conveniently a sufficient number of schools for the education of the children; and
- (4) build, or otherwise provide, suitable houses, furniture, apparatus, and other articles and educational appliances necessary for the thorough organization and efficient management of the schools.

The school trustees may establish and maintain, as near the center of the township as practical, at least one (1) separate graded high school, to which sufficiently advanced students shall be admitted.

(b) The school trustees of two (2) or more school corporations may establish and maintain one (1) or more joint graded high schools instead of separate graded high schools. If a joint graded high school is established, the participating school corporations are jointly responsible for the care, management, and maintenance of the school.

(c) A trustee, instead of building a separate graded high school for the trustee's township, shall transfer the students of the trustee's township competent to enter a graded high school to another school corporation.

(d) A graded high school may not be built unless there are, at the time the graded high school is built, at least twenty-five (25) common graduates of school age residing in the township.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-3

Length of school terms; local tuition levy authorized

Sec. 3. School trustees shall authorize a local tuition levy, not to exceed the limit provided by law, that is sufficient to conduct a six

(6) month term of school each year. The levy must be based on estimates and receipts from all sources for the previous year. Receipts from the previous year may include amounts received from the state's tuition revenue.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-4

Management of property

Sec. 4. (a) School trustees have the care and management of all real and personal property belonging to their respective corporations for common school purposes. However, congressional township school lands shall be under the care and management of the trustees of the civil township to which the lands belong.

(b) School trustees shall provide janitorial help considered necessary to properly care for the schools and premises under the school trustees' control.

(c) Each janitor provided by the trustees under subsection (b) shall be paid from the special school funds of the township.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-5

School lunch program; accounting methods

Sec. 5. Each township trustee in operating a school lunch program may use either of the following accounting methods:

(1) The township trustee may supervise and control the program through its school corporation account by establishing a school lunch fund.

(2) The township trustee may have the program operated by the individual schools of the school corporation through the school corporation's extracurricular account or accounts under IC 20-26-6.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-6

Textbook rental program; accounting methods

Sec. 6. Each township trustee in operating a textbook rental program may use either of the following accounting methods:

(1) The township trustee may supervise and control the program through its school corporation account by establishing a textbook rental fund.

(2) If textbooks have not been purchased and financial commitments or guarantees for these purchases have not been made by the school corporation, the township trustee may have the program operated by the individual schools of the school corporation through the school corporation's extracurricular account or accounts under IC 20-26-6.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-7

School lunch and textbook rental funds

Sec. 7. (a) If a school lunch fund is established under section 5 of this chapter or a textbook rental fund is established under section 6 of this chapter, the receipts and expenditures for each program shall be made to and from the proper fund without appropriation or the application of other laws relating to the budgets of local governmental units.

(b) If either program or both programs under sections 5 and 6 of this chapter are operated through the extracurricular account, the township trustee shall approve the amount of the bond of the treasurer of the extracurricular account in an amount the township trustee considers necessary to protect the account for all funds coming into the hands of the treasurer.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.

IC 20-23-3-8

Kindergarten programs

Sec. 8. An educational program under this chapter must include a kindergarten program that is at least a half day program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.7.